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### **Notice of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meeting and Public Workshop on the Development of a Basin Plan Amendment to Establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Low Dissolved Oxygen in the San Joaquin River**

Staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (Regional Board) will be holding a CEQA scoping meeting and public workshop to discuss the development of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan). The Regional Board is the lead state agency charged with the protection of water quality in the Central Valley. The Regional Board's Basin Plan contains water quality objectives and identifies programs of implementation to meet those water quality objectives. The Regional Board goes through a formal public process to amend its Basin Plan.

Regional Board staff is beginning to prepare a Basin Plan amendment, which includes the following:

- TMDL for organic enrichment / low dissolved oxygen in the Stockton Deepwater Ship Channel of the San Joaquin River in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta
- Program of implementation for the TMDL that addresses the various contributing factors

A TMDL report was prepared by Regional Board staff in June 2003 that summarizes the general approach being considered for the Basin Plan Amendment. A copy of this report can be obtained at:

[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/programs/tmdl/sjr\\_do/DO\\_TMDL\\_Report.pdf](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/programs/tmdl/sjr_do/DO_TMDL_Report.pdf)

This scoping meeting and workshop will provide participants with: 1) an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the "functionally equivalent" environmental document to be prepared pursuant to Section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); 2) an opportunity to comment on the scope of the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan; 3) an overview of the current development of the Basin Plan Amendment and staff report; 4) an opportunity to hear presentations from interested parties on the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan.

**WHERE:** Modesto Irrigation District  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Multi-Purpose Room  
1231 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Modesto, CA

**WHEN:** Wednesday, 10 December 2003  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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***California Environmental Protection Agency***



**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Groups or individuals interested in the factors contributing to the dissolved oxygen impairment in the San Joaquin River are encouraged to attend. This includes, but is not limited to, growers or their representatives, water district managers, wetland managers, environmental groups, government officials or others with interest in or responsibility for agricultural drainage, storm water management, wastewater treatment and disposal, San Joaquin River channel geometry modifications, water diversions or routing of flow in the San Joaquin River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. If unable to attend in person, public comments regarding this Basin Plan amendment process or content can be forwarded to Regional Board staff prior to the meeting via regular mail or via e-mail to [sjrdotmdl@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:sjrdotmdl@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov)

**FUTURE NOTICES:**

In order to receive future notices regarding this Basin Plan Amendment, interested parties must notify Regional Board staff by filling out and returning the attached form via regular mail or by fax to (916) 255-3015. Requests can also be submitted via e-mail to [sjrdotmdl@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:sjrdotmdl@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov) or by contacting Mark Gowdy at (916) 255-6317. When submitting a request via e-mail or telephone, please provide all the information requested on the attached form.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

If you have further questions, need to access background documents, or wish to make a presentation at the workshop, please forward an e-mail to [sjrdotmdl@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:sjrdotmdl@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov) or contact Mark Gowdy at (916) 255-6317. The workshop facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Mark Gowdy at (916) 255-6317 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

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LESLIE GROBER, Senior Land and Water Use Analyst

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Attachment

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**DISSOLVED OXYGEN TMDL BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT -  
MEETING NOTIFICATION REQUEST FORM**

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Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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